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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management, Elko District, Wells Field Office is making available for public review until April 23, 2014 the Marys River Oil and Gas Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA). Noble Energy (Noble) proposes to conduct gas exploration drilling in the Tabor Flats area, west of Wells, as part of its current oil and gas leases. The EA and Noble's Master Surface Use Plan are available at www.blm.gov/rv5c.

Noble proposes to drill and complete a maximum of 20 wells on public and private lands located approximately four miles northwest of Wells. Noble has identified 35 potential well pad locations, which no more than 20 would be constructed. The exploration project is expected to last two-years or more. Hydraulic Fracturing will be used in the proposed exploration drilling. Along with drill pad construction, new roads may need to be constructed as well as maintenance or upgrades to existing roads to allow for drill rig and support vehicle traffic.

The project area includes a total of 39,445 acres including 20,622 public land acres (52 percent of the project area), 2,603 acres (7 percent) of private surface with BLM-administered subsurface mineral rights, and 16,220 acres (41 percent) of private lands and minerals. The proposed operations will comply with all applicable federal Onshore Oil & Gas Orders and do not include any Wild Horse Areas.

If you have any issues or concerns please email them to MarysRiverEA@blm.gov or if you need more information please contact Bryan Mulligan at (775) 753-0276.

Sincerely,

/s/ 3-24-2014

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